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Honorable Mike Gravel
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Drugs

Dear Senator Gravel:

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 1978 on behalf of your constituent [redacted]

In regard to your specific query as to whether [redacted] may have been an unwitting target of drug experimentation by the CIA, the recently discovered files on Project MKULTRA do contain evidence that research involving human testing was conducted in the fields of behavior control using techniques involving hypnosis, drugs, etc. However, our records indicate such testing on unwitting subjects ceased in 1964. Unfortunately, Project MKULTRA files do not contain the names of persons who may have been used as subjects and we have no way of determining whether or not Ms. Gale was involved.

In regard to [redacted] first question for any records which indicate that the University of Montana at Missoula was involved with CIA drug experimentation programs and her second question concerning CIA's possible use of the Victorian Hotel in San Francisco during the last eight years as a safehouse, it is Agency policy that we do not comment affirmatively or negatively on such inquiries since it involves intelligence sources and methods which the Director is responsible by statute to protect. This in no way is intended to imply that the University of Montana at Missoula or the Victorian Hotel were ever used for such purposes.

I hope this information is helpful to you in responding to [redacted] queries. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely, .

/S/

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